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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Same As Last Year

On April 1, 2013, Arizona had 278,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, same number of head from a year ago and up 8,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 32,000 head during March, 5,000 head more than a year ago. During March 23,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 4,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2013, California had 480,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 10,000 head from last year, but remained the same as last month. Placements totaled 56,000 head during March, up 3,000 head from last year. During March, 53,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 8,000 head from a year ago-

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2013. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2012. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63

percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.93 million head, down 8 percent from 2012.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.90 million, 6 percent above 2012. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410,000, 600-699 pounds were 315,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 634,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.77 million, 8 percent below 2012.

Other disappearance totaled 76,000 during March, 10 percent above 2012.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2012-2013

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed During March			Number Marketed During March			Other Disappearance During March 2/		
	April 1, 2012	Mar. 1, 2013	April 1, 2013											
			Number	as % of 2012	as % of Mar.	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as % of 2012
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	278	270	278	100	103	27	32	119	27	23	85	1	1	100
CA	490	480	480	98	100	53	56	106	61	53	87	2	3	150
CO	1,070	990	980	92	99	160	165	103	175	165	94	5	10	200
ID	225	225	215	96	96	34	26	76	38	35	92	1	1	100
IA	670	640	630	94	98	73	71	97	71	77	108	2	4	200
KS	2,170	2,050	2,090	96	102	375	425	113	395	360	91	10	25	250
NE	2,530	2,430	2,420	96	100	440	400	91	460	400	87	20	10	50
OK	320	305	305	95	100	56	55	98	74	53	72	2	2	100
SD	255	230	230	90	100	45	32	71	48	31	65	2	1	50
TX	2,780	2,550	2,590	93	102	430	540	126	470	485	103	20	15	75
WA	233	233	233	100	100	37	37	100	36	36	100	1	1	100
Other Sts	461	454	458	99	101	62	60	97	63	53	84	3	3	100
US	11,482	10,857	10,909	95	100	1,792	1,899	106	1,918	1,771	92	69	76	110

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

March Milk Production down 0.1 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.4 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from March 2012. February revised production at 14.7 billion pounds, was down 3.3 percent from February 2012. However, production was 0.2 percent above last year after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an

increase of 15 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 50.5 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

Milk Production: By State, February and March 2012-2013

State	Milk Production/2					
	February		Percent change from 2012	March		Percent change from 2012
	2012	2013		2012	2013	
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Million Pounds</i>		
AZ	396	369	-6.8	435	423	-2.8
CA	3,506	3,225	-8	3,804	3,678	-3.3
CO	248	252	1.6	270	278	3
FL	210	204	-2.9	228	225	-1.3
ID	1,046	1,005	-3.9	1,127	1,133	0.5
IL	163	160	-1.8	177	177	-
IN	306	304	-0.7	330	340	3
IA	361	353	-2.2	388	392	1
KS	214	225	5.1	239	251	5
MI	701	705	0.6	767	790	3
MN	735	728	-1	793	807	1.8
MO	113	108	-4.4	135	125	-7.4
NM	665	639	-3.9	736	715	-2.9
NY	1,055	1,034	-2	1,138	1,159	1.8
OH	435	431	-0.9	470	481	2.3
OR	197	191	-3	215	216	0.5
PA	849	833	-1.9	923	926	0.3
TX	800	757	-5.4	876	840	-4.1
UT	154	144	-6.5	166	162	-2.4
VT	204	202	-1	221	226	2.3
VA	145	137	-5.5	158	153	-3.2
WA	498	482	-3.2	537	543	1.1
WI	2,152	2,165	0.6	2,329	2,400	3
23-State Total	15,153	14,653	-3.3	16,462	16,440	-0.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Commercial Red Meat Production Down From Last Year

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.99 billion pounds in March, down 4 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in March 2012.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.59 million head, down 6 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was up 14 pounds from the previous year, at 1,313 pounds.

Veal production totaled 9.2 million pounds, 8 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,700 head, up 5 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 31 pounds from last year, at 252 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.93 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.32 million head, down 2 percent from March 2012. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.8 million pounds, was down 3 percent from March 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 196,100 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2013 commercial red meat production was 12.0 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 5 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2013 as % of 2/	
				March 2012	February 2013
<u>Arizona 3/</u>	Million Pounds			Percent	
<u>Total Red Meat</u>	33.9	29.8	30.8	91	103
<u>United States</u>					
Beef	2,159.5	1,873.7	2,038.6	94	109
Veal	10.0	9.0	9.2	92	103
Pork	1,987.7	1,779.0	1,932.7	97	109
Lamb and Mutton	14.2	11.5	13.8	97	120
Total Red Meat	4,171.4	3,673.1	3,994.3	96	109

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January – March 2013 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - March			January - March		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	124.2	162,694	1,315	7,779.1	10,246,593	1,320
	0.4	97	253	27,873.1	7,712,042	277

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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April Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 12 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 189 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 12 points (60 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 21 points (8.8 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for hogs, milk, potatoes, and oranges and lower prices for corn, lettuce, eggs, and strawberries. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (6.2 percent) from April 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 177, decreased 7 points (3.8 percent) from last month but increased 11 points (6.6 percent) from April 2012.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 220 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from March but 5 points (2.3 percent) above April 2012. Higher prices in April for mixed fertilizer, concentrates, LP gas, and feeder cattle offset lower prices for feed grains, diesel, nitrogen, and gasoline.

United States Price Index Summary Table

	2012	2013	
	April	March	April
Index 1990-92 = 100			
Prices Received	178	201	189
Prices Paid	215	220	220
Ratio 1/	83	91	86

1 / Ratio of index prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, April 2012 and 2013 and March 2013

Commodity	Unit	Arizona		
		April-12 Entire Month	March-13 Entire Month	April-13 Mid- Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	1/	1/
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	1/	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	1/	1/	1/
Alfalfa Hay 3/	\$ Ton	260.00	220.00	200.00
All Milk 4/	\$ Cwt	16.00	18.30	18.30
Commodity	Unit	United States		
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	0.904	0.753	0.748
Cottonseed 2/	\$ Ton	1/	1/	1/
Durum Wheat	\$ Bu	9.22	8.12	7.76
Alfalfa Hay 3/	\$ Ton	210.00	219.00	215.00
Cows 5/	\$ Cwt	85.50	82.90	81.70
Steers & Heifers	\$ Cwt	128.00	128.00	128.00
Beef Cattle 6/	\$ Cwt	124.00	124.00	124.00
Calves	\$ Cwt	178.00	160.00	158.00
All Milk 4/	\$ Cwt	16.80	19.10	19.30

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Marketing year August – February.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies

5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

6/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.